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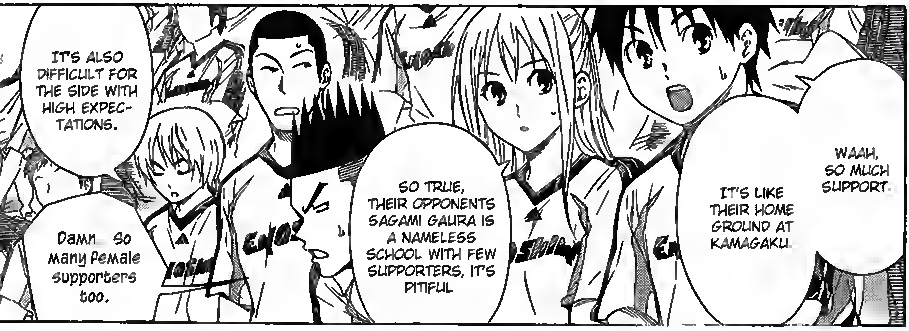
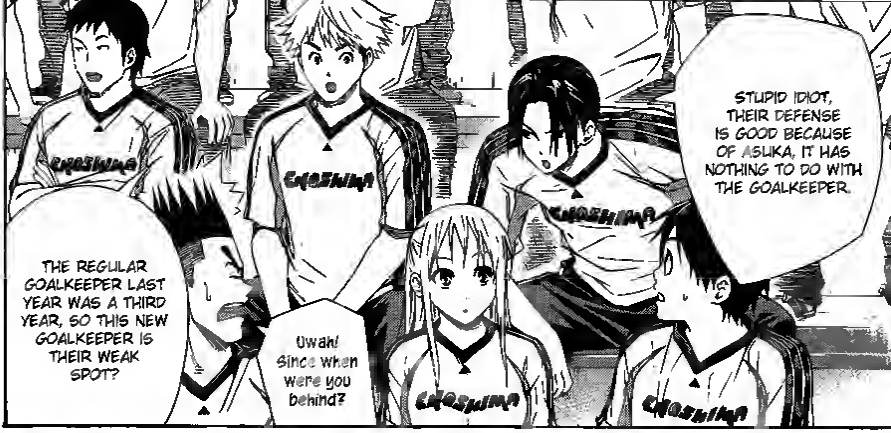
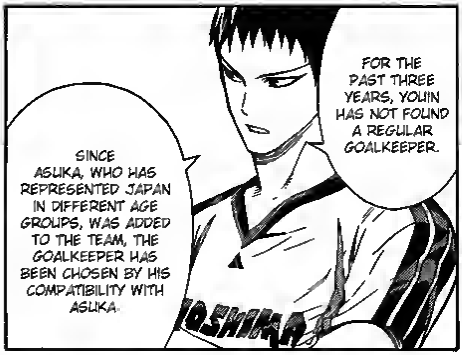
UH... I'M TOCHIGI FROM YOUIN ACADEMY BROADCASTING CLUB.
I'M FUKUI.
AT LAST, YOUIN ACADEMY'S FOOTBALL CLUB, WHICH HAS CAUSED A STIR THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, WILL PLAY THEIR FIRST GAME IN THE INTER HIGH KANAGAWA PREFECTURE PRELIMINARIES.
#94 SAGAMI GAURA

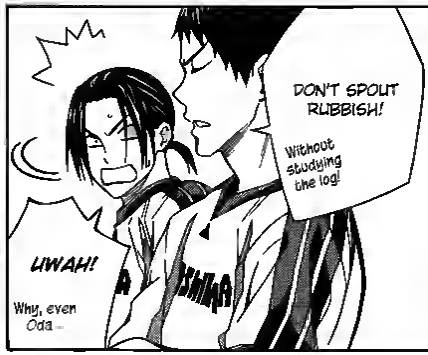

IT'S ALSO DIFFICULT FOR THE SIDE WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS.
Damn... So many female supporters too.
SO TRUE, THEIR OPPONENTS SAGAMI GAURA IS A NAMELESS SCHOOL WITH FEW SUPPORTERS, IT'S PITIFUL
IT'S LIKE THEIR HOME GROUND AT KAMAGAKU.
WAAH, SO MUCH SUPPORT.

THEIR GOALKEEPER? I THOUGHT YOUIN'S DEFENSE HAD A GOOD REPUTATION.
EH, IS IT?
I THINK IF YOUIN HAS A WEAK SPOT, IT'S THEIR GOALKEEPER.

THEIR GOALKEEPER IN 3RD YEAR, IWAMOTO KAZUSHIGE


THE REGULAR GOALKEEPER LAST YEAR WAS A THIRD YEAR, SO THIS NEW GOALKEEPER IS THEIR WEAK SPOT?
Uwah! Since when were you behind?
STUPID IDIOT, THEIR DEFENSE IS GOOD BECAUSE OF ASUKA, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE GOALKEEPER.


FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, YOUIN HAS NOT FOUND A REGULAR GOALKEEPER.
SINCE ASUKA, WHO HAS REPRESENTED JAPAN IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS, WAS ADDED TO THE TEAM, THE GOALKEEPER HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY HIS COMPATIBILITY WITH ASUKA.



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THAT'S WHY I THINK THERE'S DEFINITELY A GAP TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF.
BUT IT'S CERTAIN THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEFENDER AND GOALKEEPER ISN'T NORMAL, RIGHT?
I SEE.
THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT BY "WEAK SPOT".
AHHH.
B-BESIDES ME, EVERYONE ELSE GOT IT! DAMMITTT
…?
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NO, I WAS JUST LONELY...
W-W-WHAT IS IT, KOUTA?
Nana-chaaaaaaan!

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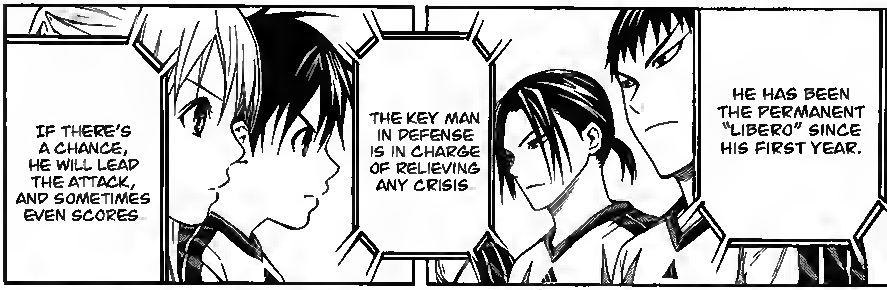
NOW, THE KEY MAN IN DEFENSE IS OF COURSE A NAME WHICH HAS REPRESENTED JAPAN IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS,
KANAGAWA'S NUMBER ONE DEFENDER...
ASUKA TOORU, NUMBER 5!


IF THERE'S A CHANCE, HE WILL LEAD THE ATTACK, AND SOMETIMES EVEN SCORES
THE KEY MAN IN DEFENSE IS IN CHARGE OF RELIEVING ANY CRISIS
HE HAS BEEN THE PERMANENT "LIBERO" SINCE HIS FIRST YEAR.

Look here
Kyaa! Asuka-saaan.
HE POSSESSES AN OVERWHELMING MOMENTUM AND FOOTBALL SENSE,
THE ONLY MAN ON THE PITCH WHO IS PERMITTED THE TITLE OF "LIBERO"

NO WONDER THERE ARE SCOUTS IN THE STANDS.
BECAUSE THEY'RE ABLE TO WATCH BOTH TAKAJOU-SAN AND ASUKA-SAN EARLIER THAN EXPECTED TOGETHER.
TWO OF KANAGAWA'S STARS.
HEH, I'LL LET THEM KNOW...
WHO THE REALLY SKILLFUL ONE IS.
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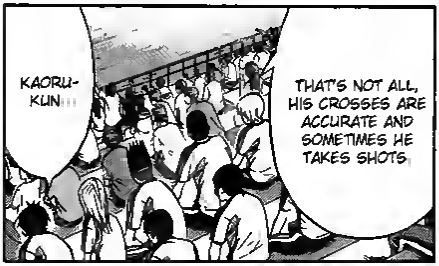
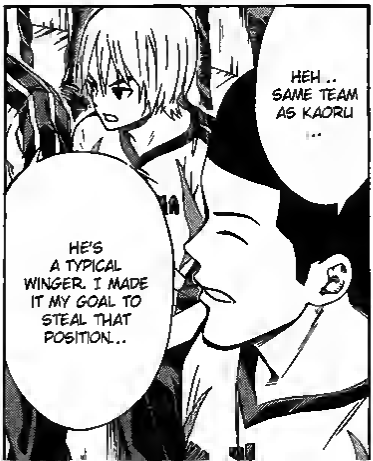
WINNING THE REGULAR SPOT FROM HIS FIRST YEAR IN THE TEAM LAST YEAR, THE KEY MAN IN ATTACK, ATTACKING MIDFIELDER
ONIMARU HARUKI, NUMBER 9!





WE WERE IN THE SAME FOOTBALL CLUB IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, HE'S THE SAME AS ME, JUST A LEVEL HIGHER.
BUT THEN, HE WAS ALREADY FASTER AND BETTER THAN I WAS.

ONCE AGAIN STOPPING ME FROM BECOMING A FORWARD, HAHA.
OUR COACH CHANGED, THE TWO FORWARDS SYSTEM WAS MODIFIED AND I WAS CAUGHT IN BETWEEN TWO GUYS WHO HAD GREAT PHYSIQUE.
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I'D FINALLY GET THAT WINGER'S POSITION...
BUT WITHOUT STEALING HIS POSITION ONCE, HE WAS SELECTED AND WENT TO YOUIN.
I THINK HE MIGHT REMEMBER ME AS A FORMER TEAMMATE.
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND, THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE SEPARATED BY FATE.
KAORU ...
BUT TO THINK THAT I COULD PLAY AGAINST HIM IN THE NEXT GAME, IT MAKES IT SLIGHTLY SPECIAL TO ME.
THINKING ABOUT IT GETS ME SO EXCITED.
KEH! SELF CONSCIOUS-NESS

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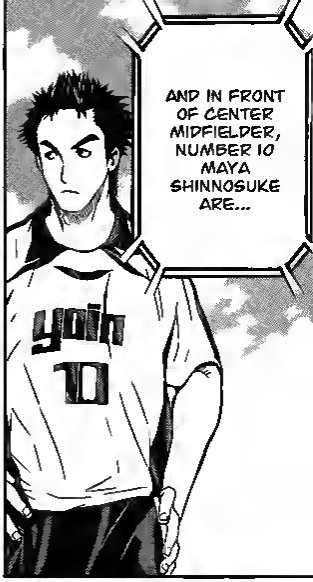
BOASTING THEIR PHYSICAL STRENGTH, THE TWO FORWARDS NUMBER 11 KATSURAGI HAYATO,
AND NUMBER 12 IKUSAWA JUNKI, BOTH THIRD YEARS.
AS WELL AS CROSSES FROM BOTH *WING HALVES,
THEY DEMONSTRATE THEIR STRENGTH IN POWER PLAYS DURING A PINCH.



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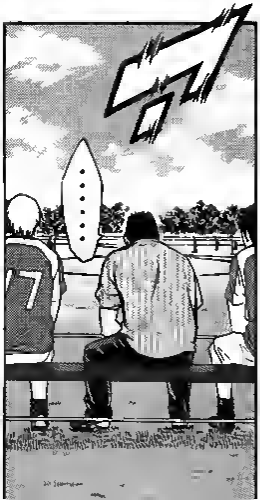
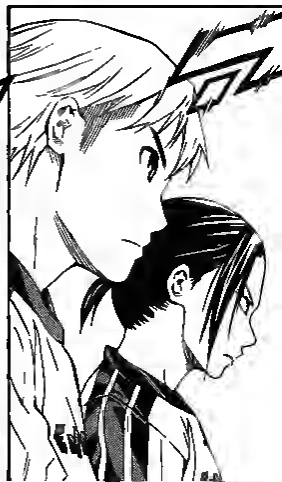
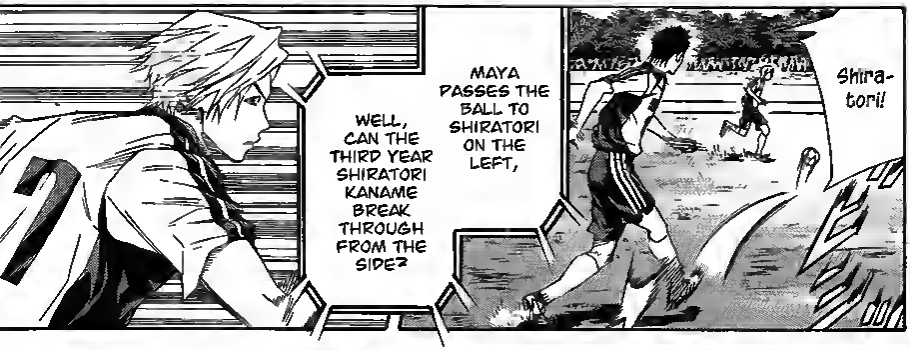
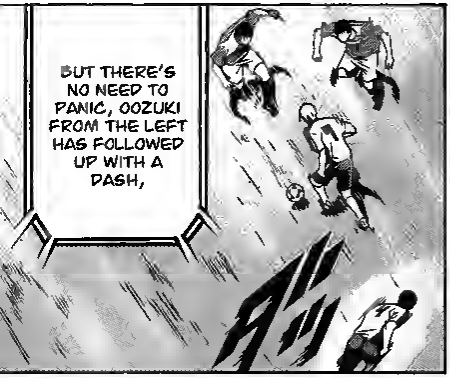




THERE'S NO NEED TO BE NERVOUS, IF YOU CAN SHOW THEM YOUR ABILITIES WITHOUT MESSING UP. SHOW US THE STRENGTH OF A CHAMPION.
THAT'S RIGHT, THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH.
FIRST WE HAVE NUMBER 10 MAYA DRIBBLING WITH EASE.


WELL, CAN THE THIRD YEAR SHIRATORI KANAME BREAK THROUGH FROM THE SIDE?
MAYA PASSES THE BALL TO SHIRATORI ON THE LEFT,
Shira-tori!


BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC, OOZUKI FROM THE LEFT HAS FOLLOWED UP WITH A DASH,

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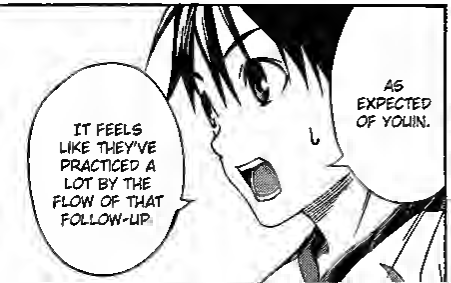
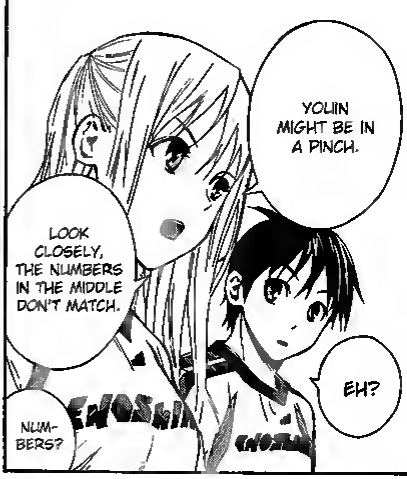
OH NO! HE'S SURROUNDED,


AS EXPECTED OF YOUIN.
IT FEELS LIKE THEY'VE PRACTICED A LOT BY THE FLOW OF THAT FOLLOW-UP.

HOWEVER, ALMOST ALL OF SAGAMI GAURA PLAYERS ARE IN THE MIDDLE ..
EVERYONE IN YOUIN HAS GONE FORWARD, EVEN THE LIBERO ASUKA IS TRYING TO ATTACK.



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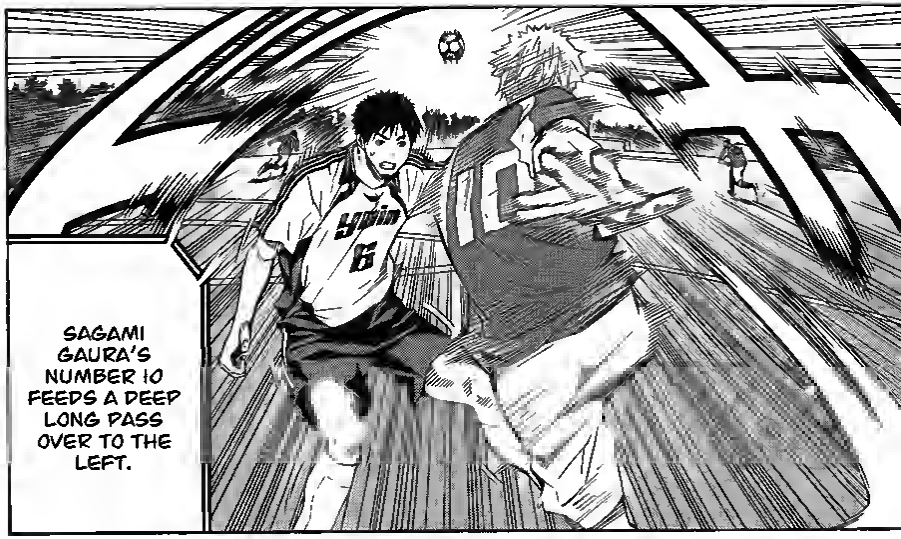
DID HE FORESEE THE PASS BACK TO ASUKA!? SAGAMI GAURA'S NUMBER 10 INTERCEPTS!
A LITTLE TOO EASILY?
BUT BEFORE LONG ASUKA WILL DISPOSSESS... EH?

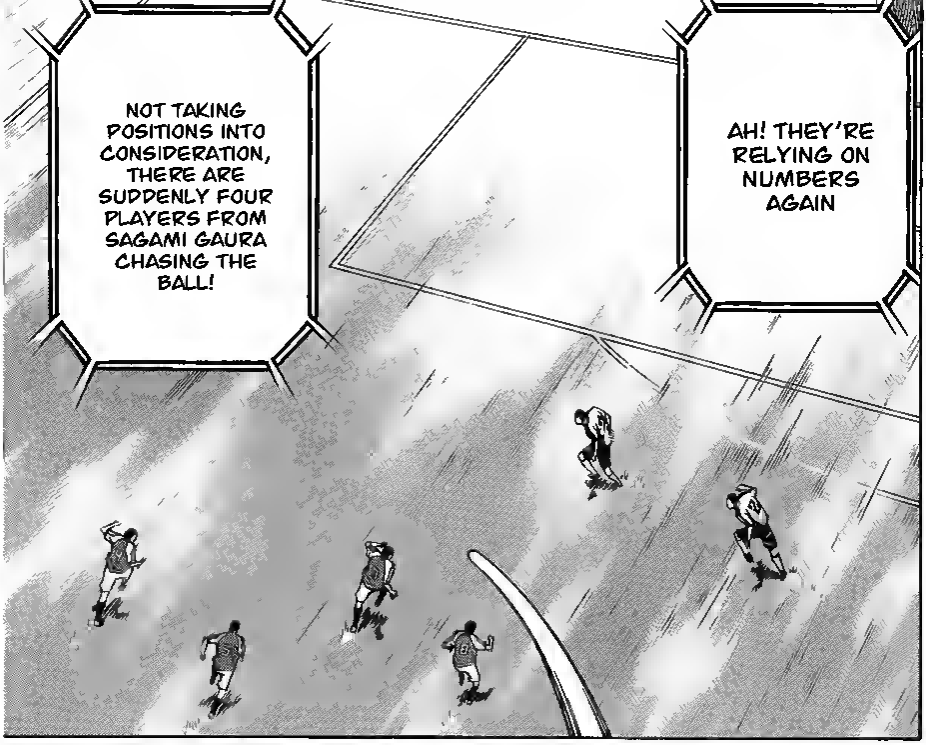
AH, ASUKA LEAVES NUMBER 10, WHO HAS THE BALL, TO DEFENDING MIDFIELDER SENDOU HAJIME.
AND HEADS TO DEFEND HIS GOAL!!

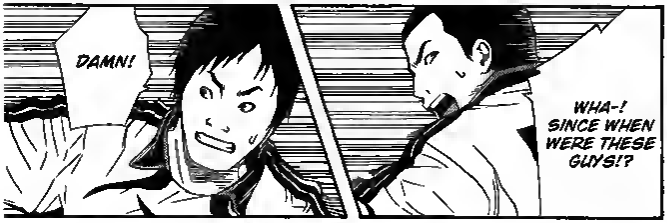
...
SENDOU, MARK NUMBER 10!

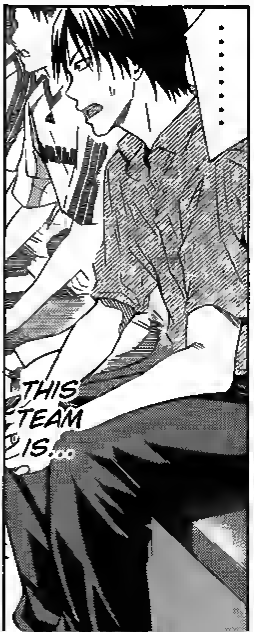
YOU!!
.....!


SAGAMI GAURA'S NUMBER 10 FEEDS A DEEP LONG PASS OVER TO THE LEFT.

I'LL TAKE IT...!
GO!


NOT TAKING POSITIONS INTO CONSIDERATION, THERE ARE SUDDENLY FOUR PLAYERS FROM SAGAMI GAURA CHASING THE BALL!
AH! THEY'RE RELYING ON NUMBERS AGAIN


DAMN!
WHA-! SINCE WHEN WERE THESE GUYS!?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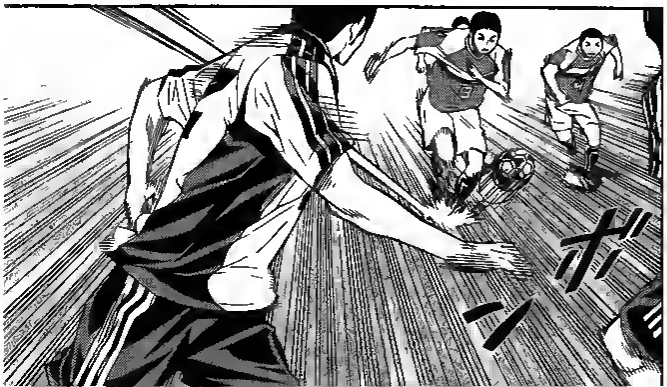
THIS TEAM IS...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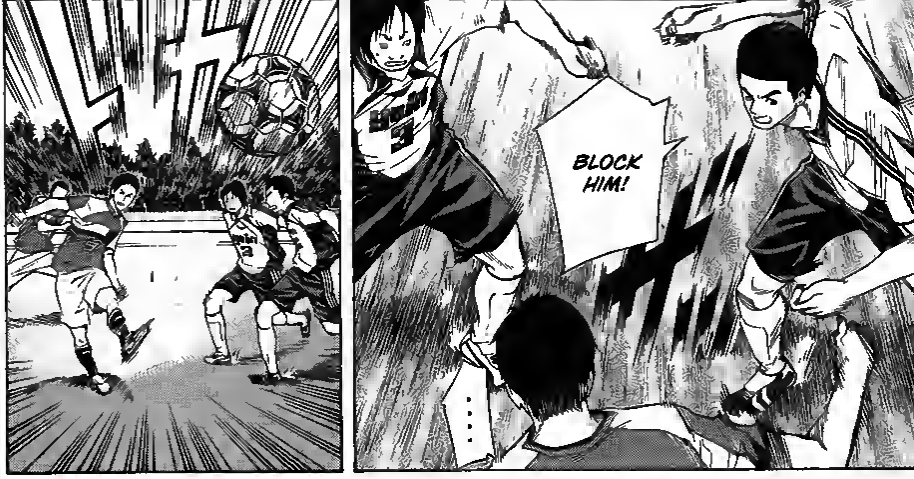

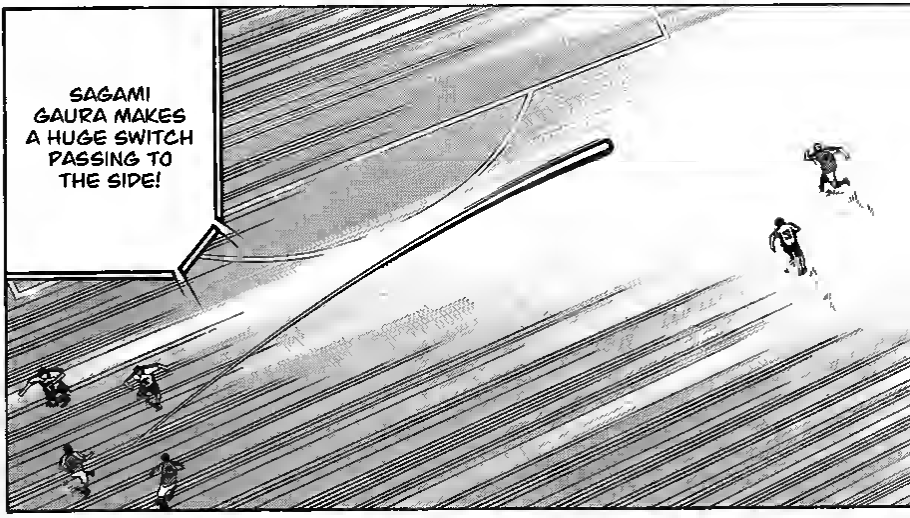

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WILL ASUKA MAKE IT ACROSS IN TIME!? PLEASE MAKE IT IN TIME!!
Tch
!
No way, is he planning to shoot directly from that pass?
EH!
SERI-OUSLY?

G-GOOOO OOAAAAL!
All rightttt!!
.....
I-IT'S A GOAL!!!

1-0!!
MERELY FIVE MINUTES INTO THE MATCH, AND SAGAMI GAURA HAS TAKEN THE LEAD!!
.....
IF YOU'D TRAPPED THE BALL, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SCORE, TSUGUHIDE.
DID YOU SEE, DID YOU SEE? KAZUHIDE, THAT DIRECT SHOT.
Wasn't that cool?
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OUR "NEW TOTAL FOOTBALL"
NOT YET, THAT ISN'T ALL
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NO WAY... RIGHT?
.....
WHAT IS THIS TEAM...